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Agency of Human Services  
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# Global Commitment Register

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GCR 16-077  
PROPOSED

## **Assistant Surgeon Modifiers**

### **Policy Summary:**

The Department of Vermont Health Access (DVHA) is proposing to allow the use of only one modifier per claim to indicate that a provider assisted during surgery. Assistant surgeon modifiers 80, 81, 82, and AS represent unique provider types assisting during surgery. Only one of these modifiers is allowed per claim, and the incorrect combination of these modifiers reduces payment to the provider. By disallowing the use of multiple assistant surgeon modifiers per claim, providers will receive the correct payment amount from Medicaid and will align with national correct coding.

### **Effective Date:**

December 1, 2016

### **Authority/Legal Basis:**

These changes are being made under the Medicaid State Plan, which can be found here:  
<http://dvha.vermont.gov/administration/state-plan>.

### **Population Affected:**

All Medicaid.

### **Fiscal Impact:**

	State Fiscal Year 2017	State Fiscal Year 2018
<b>State</b>	\$2,210	\$3,320
<b>Federal</b>	\$2,643	\$3,959
<b>Total</b>	\$4,853	\$7,279

### **Public Comment Period:**

October 13, 2016 – November 13, 2016

Send comments to:

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Or submit via e-mail to [AHS.MedicaidPolicy@vermont.gov](mailto:AHS.MedicaidPolicy@vermont.gov).

There is no public meeting scheduled at this time. If one should be scheduled, that information can be found at: <http://dvha.vermont.gov/> either through the calendar or listed under upcoming events.